MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 10.

(*b*) 2.

(*c*) 5; 2 acres and 24½ cents.

(*d*) 3 were rejected, the reason being that the lands applied for were not available for registry.

Registry of poramboke land in Vijayapuram pakuthi.

243. MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that, since 1097, members of the depressed classes have been applying to the Land Revenue Commissioner, the Dewan Peishkar, and the Tahsildar, Kottayam, for the registry of the *poramboke* land comprised in Survey Number 782/1 in the Vijayapuram pakuthi;

(*b*) the number of such applications;

(*c*) the nature of the action taken thereon;

(*d*) whether any part of the land has been assigned;

(*e*) if so, the acreage assigned; and

(*f*) the reason for not assigning the remaining portion?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Some applications have been received from members of the depressed classes for the registry of Survey No. 782/1 (river *poramboke*) in the Vijayapuram pakuthi, Kottayam taluk.

(*b*) Ten such members have applied on several occasions.

(*c*) and (*f*) On enquiry it was found that some members of the depressed classes had occupied 1 acre and 15 cents in the Survey Number and steps were accordingly taken to register that portion in their names. At that stage a communication was received from the authorities of the Devaswom Department to the effect that the area should not be registered since it was necessary for the officiating priest (*Santikaran*) of the Sirkar Vadavatur temple to bathe, and for purposes of *Arat* during Utsavam time. Thereupon, action was taken against the occupants under the Land Conservancy Regulation and the encroachments were ordered to be vacated. On appeal, the Dewan Peishkar held that there was no necessity for immediate eviction. On further representations from the members of the depressed classes, the present Dewan Peishkar also inspected the spot and it was decided by him that a portion of the land might be registered in favour of the depressed classes and that the remaining portion need alone be retained as *poramboke*.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) 64 cents.

Deposit of firearms in Police Stations for purposes of renewal of licenses.

244. MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any provision to the effect that firearms should be deposited in Police Stations for purposes of renewing licenses therefor;

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(*b*) if so, whether they are aware of the number of days it would take for the return of the firearms with the renewed licenses after such deposit; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that firearms kept in the Police Stations get rusty and out of order?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to Section 11 of Regulation V of 1084.

(*b*) The District Magistrates renew these licenses. It is not possible to say specifically how many days it would take for the renewal of a license; the duration depends on the number of licenses sent up for renewal.

(*c*) License holders are given facilities for oiling and cleaning their guns when these are in deposit in Police Stations; and consequently only those guns that are not attended to by the owners are likely, if at all, to get rusty. Guns do not get out of order by the fact of deposit in Police Stations.

Conversion of Pleasure motor cars into buses.

245. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any provision prohibiting the conversion of the body of a pleasure motor-car into a bus; and

(*b*) if so, whether they are aware that it causes irreparable loss to the natives of this State?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The member is referred to the notification published at page 78, Part IV, of the *Government Gazette* dated 25th October 1927.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Graduates who have passed the Registration Test Examination.

246. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the graduates who have passed the Registration Test Examination, showing—

(*a*) the dates on which they passed the examination;

(*b*) the dates of their first appointment in service; and

(*c*) their present (14-11-28) post and pay?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What is the principle that governs in the matter of promotions to these officers?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Qualification and service are the general principles that are taken into consideration.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In the matter of qualifications being alike, is it according to the seniority or is it according to date of passing the Test Examination that promotions are given?

**Vide* Appendix VI—pages 456 & 457.

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